(b) to (d) The Government of Andhra Pradesh were informed that the projected requirement of foodgrains for RPDS in case of their State was 54,420 MT per month or 6.5 lakh MT per annum calculated at the rate of 20 kg. per month **per family. Since Government had not taken any decision to extend** RPDS to Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS) blocks, the requirement of foodgrains for RPDS would be reworked when a decision is taken to include EAS blocks in RPDS.

The allocations of foodgrains (rice and wheat) are being made on TPDS formula from 1-6-97 and RPDS has ceased to exist from that date. With the introduction of TPDS from 1-6-97 the State is being allotted rice as per their BPL and APL rice quotas. However, the State Government is committed to enforce levy order on rice in Andhra Pradesh.

PDS in Kerala maintains statutory rationing

2038. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that PDS in Kerala maintains the statutory rationing;

(b) whether Government reduced the allotment of rice and wheat to Kerala.

(c) if so, the reasons thereof;

(d) whether Government are aware that this reduction affected the PDS in Kerala;

(e) if so, the steps taken to maintain the statutory rationing in Kerala; and

(f) the steps taken on the request of Kerala Government on food allotment alongwith the details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) All States/UTs have been allocated foodgrains under TPDS taking into consideration the requirements of below poverty line families @10 kg. per month per family and the quantity needed for transitory allocation, i.e., the quantum in excess of requirements of below poverty line families out of the average annual lifting for the last ten years.

(d) and (e) Requests have been received from Government of Kerala to increase their allocations of foodgrains at the level of 20.74 lakhs MT against the allocation of 17.76 lakh MT per month, so that PDS is not adversely affected in Kerala State. The request could not be agreed to.

(f) An additional allocation of 30,000 MT of rice per month have been made w.e.f. August, 1997 for three months at economic cost.

श्रीनगर, गढ़वाल में 500 मीट्रिक टन की क्षमता वाला गोदाम

2039. **श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी :** क्या खाद्य और उपभोक्ता मामले मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या श्रीनगर, गढ़वाल, में 500 मीट्रिक टन की क्षमता वाला गोदाम है और उसमें पर्याप्त खाद्यान्न उपलब्ध है ;

(ख) क्या उनमें से खाद्यान्नों की आपूर्ति नियमानुसार की जा रही है ;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

खाद्य तथा उपभोक्ता मामलों के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रघुवंश प्रसाद सिंह) : (क) जी, हां, । उत्तर प्रदेश के पौड़ी गढ़वाल जिले में भारतीय खाद्य निगम के दो गोदाम हैं जिनमें से एक कोटद्वार में है जिसकी क्षमता 7500 टन है और दूसरा श्रीनगर में है जिसकी क्षमता 5000 टन है। अप्रैल 1997 से जुलाई, 1997 के महीनों के दौरान

इन गोदामों में उपलब्ध गेहूं और चावल की अलग-अलग मात्रा निम्नानुसार है :—

(आंकड़े टनों में)

निम्नलिखित महीनों की पहली तारीख को खाद्यान्नों की मात्रा

गोदाम	अप्रैल, 1997		मई, 1997		जून, 1997		जुलाई, 1997	
	गेहूं	चावल	गेहूं	चावल	गेहूं	चावल	गेहूं	चावल
कोटद्वार .	2650	70	976	32	34	2601	1648	2685
श्रीनगर .	3575	—	1302	671	659	1930	2371	2344
जोड़ : .	6225	70	2278	703	993	4531	4019	5029

(ख) से (घ) अप्रैल, 1997 से जून, 1997 तक के महीनों के दौरान जिला पौड़ी गढ़वाल के संबंध में आवंटन और उठान से संबंधित स्थिति नीचे दी गई है :—

जिला पौड़ी गढ़वाल में खाद्यान्नों का आवंटन और उठान (अनन्तिम)

(आंकड़े टनों में)

	गेहूं		चावल	
	आवंटन	उठान	आवंटन	उठान
अप्रैल, 1997 . .	2835	2738	2002	2050
मई, 1997 .	3216	2970	2078	2120
जून, 1997 . .	2291.61	416	983	218.8

Trend in the prices of essential commodities

2040. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the trend in the prices of essential commodities such as edible oils, gas, sugar, wheat, rice, spices, soaps, tea, coffee and detergent including consumer manufactured goods during the last six months, in the country month-wise and retail level;

(b) the specific reasons for increase in the prices of the aforesaid commodities; and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUBANS PRASAD SINGH): (a) Retail prices of essential commodities at Delhi in respect of edible oils, gas, sugar, wheat, rice,